

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 USBERL 00382 282001Z

64

ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00 EURE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-01 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 IO-10 NIC-01 SAJ-01 ACDA-05

EB-07 FAA-00 DOTE-00 EA-06 SY-04 OPR-01 USSS-00 /085 W

----- 101464

O R 281900 Z FEB 75

FM USMISSION USBERLIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0554

AMEMBASSY BONN NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY BERLIN

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMCONSUL BREMEN

AMCONSUL DUSSELDORF

AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

AMCONSUL HAMBURG

AMCONSUL MUNICH

AMCONSUL STUTGART

USMISSION NATO

CINCEUR

CINCUSAREUR

USELMLO

CINCUSAFE

C O N F I D E N T I A L USBERLIN 0382

CINCEUR FOR POLAD AND OPS

CINCUSAFE FOR POLAD AND OPS

CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS, AEAGC-COC & AEAAG-AP

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WB

SUBJECT: BERLIN CDU LEADER KIDNAPPED: PAN AM POSITION

ON PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR BAADER-MEINHOF

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 USBERL 00382 282001Z

GROUP

REF: USBERLIN 378

1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH PAN AM GERMANY APPEARS TO HAVE RECOMMENDED THAT PAN AM SUPPLY BOEING 707 TO TAKE BAADER-MEINHOF GROUP OUT OF BERLIN, PAN AM HEADQUARTERS NEW YORK HAS DECLINED ON GROUNDS OF UNAVAILABILITY OF BOEING 707. PAN AM NEW YORK WOULD UNDERTAKE FLIGHT ONLY IF DIRECTED TO DO SO BY USG. ONLY KNOWN DESTINATION WILLING TO RECEIVE KIDNAPPERS IS NORTH VIETNAM ACCORDING TO FRENCH REPORT. KEY DECISIONS ABOUT HOW TO CONTACT KIDNAPPERS ARE BEING MADE IN BONN AND BERLIN CRISIS GROUPS. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING EMERGED IN REPEATED CONVERSATIONS WITH PAN AM DIRECTOR FOR GERMANY RUNNETTE AFTERNOON FEBRUARY 28. RUNNETTE FIRST CALLED TO SAY HE DID NOT MUCH LIKE IDEA OF PROVIDING AIR TRANSPORTATION AND THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE IF US AIR FORCE OR LUFTHANSA FILLED BREACH. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED BACK ASKING FOR USG POSITION AND STATING THAT UPON RECONSIDERATION, HE WAS AGAINST LUFTHANSA TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN PAN AM HAD BEEN THE LEADING AIRLINE IN TOWN FOR 28 YEARS. AT THIS TIME PAN AM APPARENTLY GAVE SENAT CHANCELLERY CHIEF HER IMPRESSION THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO PROVIDE A 707 WHILE PAN AM'S BERLIN DIRECTOR GALLAGHER TOLD MISOFF PAN AM WAS REQUESTING 707 FROM LONDON. SUBSEQUENTLY RUNNETTE SPOKE TO PAN AM NEW YORK WHICH REPLIED THEY WOULD PROVIDE TRANSPORT BY ONLY IF DIRECTED TO DO SO BY USG. PAN AM NEW YORK EXPLAINED PRINCIPAL REASON FOR TURNDOWN IS LACK OF AVAILABLE 707. ADDITIONAL REASON IS PAN AM NEW YORK DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY CAN FIND A 707 CREW WILLING TO UNDERTAKE FLIGHT. IT APPEARS THEREFORE THAT PAN AM BERLIN MADE COLLEGE TRY TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BY HIGHER HEADQUARTERS FOR OPERATIONAL REASONS. PAN AM ASKED WHAT USG ATTITUDE WAS AND WAS TOLD BY MISSION IT WAS DECISION FOR PAN AM TO TAKE. COMMENT: RUNNETTE WAS PERFECTLY AWARE ALL ALONG PAN AM'S POSITION IN BERLIN WOULD HAVE BENEFITTED HAD THEY CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 USBERL 00382 282001Z

TAKEN ON FLIGHT.

3. RUNNETTE EXPRESSED REAL INTEREST WHEN MISOFF RAISED AS POSSIBILITY IDEA OF TAKING BAADER-MEINHOL GROUP AS FAR AS FRG FOR TRANSFER THERE TO DIFFERENT AIRCRAFT. SENAT HOWEVER HAS FROM BEGINNING MAINTAINED IT CANNOT NEGOTIATE KIDNAPPERS' DEMANDS WITHOUT RISKING

LORENZ' LIFE AND ONE KEY KIDNAPPER DEMAND IS AVAILABILITY OF 707.
SENAT CONVINCED, HOWEVER, THAT STUTTGART PRISONERS CAN BE
BROUGHT TO BERLIN WITHOUT SPECIAL CHARTER AIRCRAFT.

4. FRENCH CLAIM TO HAVE LEARNED THAT KIDNAPPERS WERE
TOLD THEY CAN LAND IN NORTH VIETNAM IF THEY ARE PREPARED
TO WORK ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION. SYRIANS HAVE REFUSED TO
RECEIVE GROUP ACCORDING TO FRENCH, AND NORTH KOREANS
HAVE MADE NO RESPONSE TO WHATEVER INQUIRY THEY RECEIVED.

5. OUR UNDERSTANDING AS OF 1830 FEBRUARY 28 IS THAT SENAT
HAS RECEIVED OR WILL RECEIVE SHORTLY REFUSALS FROM PAN AM AND
USG (REFTEL), AND OTHER ALLIED AIR FORCES, AND PROBABLY BY
TWO BRITISH CHARTER COMPANIES
AS WELL. FRENCH ARE AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS. FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS, INCLUDING RENEWED SENAT
REQUESTS, CAN BE ANTICIPATED AFTER CRISIS GROUP
MEETING, NOW TAKING PLACE IN BONN AND BERLIN,
BREAK-UP EARLY THIS EVENING.

6. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: AIR TRANSPORTATION, EXTORTION, KIDNAPPING, POLITICAL PRISONERS, PRISONERS RELEASE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 FEB 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975USBERL00382
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D750071-0828
From: USBERLIN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750284/aaaagtni.tel
Line Count: 140
Locator: TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 USBERLIN 378
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 MAY 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ifshinsr>; APPROVED <27 MAY 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> srp 971014
Subject: BERLIN CDU LEADER KIDNAPPED: PAN AM POSITION ON PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION FOR BAADER-MEINHOF
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, WB, CDU, PANAM, (LORENZ, PETER)
To: BONN
STATE INFO BERLIN
BREMEN
DUSSELDORF
MULTIPLE
Type: TE

Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006